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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-13 and 15-20 have been rejected.

Claims 3, 7 and 14 have been objected to, and are cancelled.

Claims 1, 6, 11, and 18 have been amended as set forth herein.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

**I. CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-13 and 15-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's admitted prior art in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,602,595 to *Citta, et al.*, hereinafter "Citta" and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,565,923 to *Zdepski*, hereinafter "Zdepski."

The independent claims are amended to include subject matter indicated by the Examiner as allowable, and all rejection are therefore believed obviated and are traversed.

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**CONCLUSION**

As a result of the foregoing, the Applicant asserts that the remaining claims in the Application are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests that this Application be passed to issue.

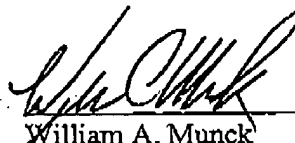
If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *wmunck@munckbutrus.com*.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

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